A Nation Emerges Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Unit 3: How do you build a nation?**

**Unit Overview**

In this unit, we will study the early years of the American republic after the War for Independence made the United States a sovereign nation. We will examine the meaning of sovereignty and what exactly makes a country a country. Using this new knowledge we will analyze the founding documents of the United States, as well as the actions taken and decision made by the early leaders of the United States. Throughout this unit we will try to answer our unit question: **How do you build a nation?**

**Unit Vocabulary**

Nation state

Federated state

Sovereignty

Diplomacy

Republic

Federalism

Veto

Amend

Ratify

Bicameral

Unconstitutional

**Guiding Questions**

What are the features of a sovereign nation state?

What were some of the problems with the kind of government set-up by the Articles of Confederation?

On what issues did the Framers of the Constitution agree/disagree?

What compromises were made to solve these areas of disagreement?

What are the main powers of each branch of government and how do they “check” one another?

What rights are protected by the Bill of Rights?

What role did the first five presidents play in forming the United States?

What diplomatic challenges did the new American government face?